

# SAFETY MESSAGE

Personal Safety is our #1 priority



## **Fire Ants,** Compiled by USDA-APHIS-CCEP

**Look out underfoot for fire ants mounds and avoid stepping on them. If you are unsure about what to watch out for, ask someone to show you the signs of fire ant presence.**

### **What if I get stung by a fire ant?**



Fire ants inflict a fiery sting, which causes a small blister or pustule to form at the site of each sting after several hours. The blisters become itchy while healing and are prone to infection if broken.

### **If you are stung by a fire ant:**

- Apply a cold compress to relieve the swelling and pain.
- Gently wash the affected area with soap and water and leave the blister intact.
- People who are allergic to insect stings should seek medical attention immediately. On rare occasions, fire ant stings can cause severe acute allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).